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EMS INFECTION CONTROL AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXPOSURE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK – UPDATED GUIDANCE

As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, public health guidance has changed. The steps described in the February 25 memo regarding contact and exposure reporting is superseded by this memo.

The County of San Diego [Communicable Disease Exposure Report \(CoSD EMS Policy S-009\)](#) shall be completed for **exposures** to known or suspected COVID-19 patients. An exposure incident includes a breach in personal protective equipment (PPE) or any unprotected exposure (e.g., not wearing recommended PPE). Patient contacts with appropriate PPE in place no longer need to be documented or reported to County of San Diego Public Health Services.

EMS Personnel with exposures shall complete the Communicable Disease Exposure Report and:

- deliver a copy to the receiving facility charge nurse;
- deliver a copy to the agency supervisor/Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO), and;
- retain a copy for your records.

For a known or suspected COVID-19 patient exposure, CoSD Public Health Services requests this additional action:

- Within 24 hours, the EMS provider's DICO is asked to route the following information to the County of San Diego Epidemiology & Immunization Services Branch at epi-cdreporting.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov:
- Provider name(s) and date(s) of birth, date of contact/transport, date of potential exposure, and the DICO's contact information.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to managing this unprecedented event.

Respectfully,

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